

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

### SOMETHING NEW

As we come into the New Year of 2026 I pray that as the Beloved Community of Christ that we would look for a renewed like in Jesus Christ grace. A new year in our lives presents opportunities to do ministries for God's Kingdom and throughout the communities that we serve. Read and pray over 2 Corinthians 5:17-21Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:[a] The old has gone, the new is here! **18** All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: **19** that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. **20** We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. **21** God made him who had no sin to be sin[b] for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

When we put our faith in Jesus Christ saving grace we have a new life and Christ through the Holy Spirit is creating something new in our lives. Christ is also calling us as Christian to share his grace and to bring us into ministries of reconciliation that do not hold people's sin against them, but rather shares the grace and love of Christ that brings healing. My for you and the Poland and Canfield United Methodist Churches is that we would be a community of faith that brings healing and care for people needing to hear and receive the Good News of Christ grace and love. In this new year may we be ambassadors of Christ message of reconciliation that reconnects us to a relationship together with the Heavenly Father. In this New Year of 2026 let Christ do something new in your life and in the life of others. Lord we pray that your grace and love would do something new in our United Methodist Churches and in all of Creation, Amen.

*Pastor Paul*



"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat..." Matthew 25:35  
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 TUES JAN 27 6-7PM OR WED JAN 28 9-10AM

**DRIVE-THRU CHICKEN DINNER**

**POLAND**  
 United Methodist Church

Thursday, February 5th  
 3:30PM til Sold Out  
 \$10 ea

1940 Boardman Poland Rd., Poland OH 44514  
 To support our UM outreach and Missions

## ALL CHURCH LUNCHEON

Come join in the Fellowship!



**FEB 22ND  
 12PM**



Welcome NEW MEMBERS Jan 11th after service!

# GLANCE AT FINANCE

	<u>NOV</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Monthly physical contributions	\$14,458.00	\$205,494.00
Monthly on-line contributions	\$ 2,811.00	\$ 31,237.00
Other revenues	\$ 1,625.00	\$ 18,456.00
Reimbursements	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 18,157.00
Less monthly expenses	<u>\$ 23,063.00</u>	<u>\$264,597.00</u>
Net impact to Budget	(\$ 3,069.00)	\$ 8,747.00

Let's Honor The Lord With Our Giving

"Remember this, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly.

And whoever sows generously will also reap generously."

2 Corinthians 9:6



## Open Gym @ PUMC

Wednesdays  
6:45-9PM

Ages High School  
on Up!



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# KIDS KLUB 2026 ❤

Our 2025 kids Christmas program & Gingerbread Village was so much fun. The kids sang wonderful songs and shared with us their meaning of Christmas. And afterwards, our Gingerbread Village had cookies & hot cocoa; crafts and the kids made their own Merry Mix. Everyone took home a gingerbread house filled with goodies.

Our 6th graders, Marcella Cowles and Isla Klimas, were presented with devotionals. They have participated in Kids Klub since they were 3 years old. They will graduate from Kids Klub this year, but we welcome them back anytime to help. They are shining examples of God's light.

Our next session of Kids Klub will start January 21. Our Bible class will continue with our DVD sessions & fresh popcorn followed by review nights; choir and activities will include new songs and a new service project, that will be announced soon.

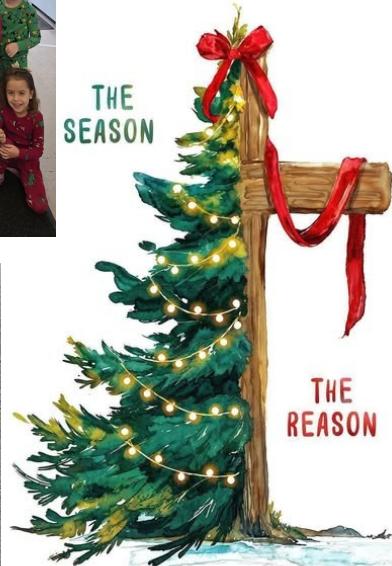
We want to thank everyone for their support of our candy fundraiser; your generosity helps us keep our program FREE to all kids. Registration begins now; forms available in the narthex.

And once again, we have to thank our devoted volunteers that keep us going strong... for 34 years: *"Let all that you do, be done with love"* *1 Corinthians 16:14*

Blessings,  
Kitty & Janell



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